

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An airbag module, comprising: ~~having~~
a gas generator, ~~in particular having a tubular gas generator,~~ which has a plurality of outflow openings distributed over a [[its]] circumference of the gas generator for the gases produced after the gas generator [[it]] has been triggered,
a module housing having at least one closure element in a region of each opening of the gas generator to be closed, wherein the module housing includes at least one portion arranged on an interior of the module housing that is configured to engage the gas generator to create a gap between the gas generator and the module housing,
wherein at least one of the outflow openings in the gas generator can be closed with the closure element during [[the]] installation or after [[the]] installation of the gas generator in the airbag module, and
wherein in that the gas generator is fastened in the [[a]] module housing which has a closure element in the region of each opening to be closed of the gas generator.
2. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein closure elements are provided for each outflow opening to be closed, wherein the [[a]] closure elements engage in the outflow openings ~~element engaging in the latter is provided.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 2, wherein each [[the]] closure element has a [[the]] diameter of the respective outflow opening openings.
4. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein a separate closure element is provided for each outflow opening to be closed, ~~a separate closure stopper is provided as the closure element.~~
5. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas generator is a tubular gas generator ~~is provided as the gas generator,~~ wherein the module housing bears tightly against the gas generator in the region of each of the outflow openings to be closed ~~of the same.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closure element is the module housing has, on each opening to be closed, a cylindrical lug as the closure element.
7. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closure element ~~module housing has, on each opening to be closed, is~~ a bead ~~as the closure element.~~
8. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the module housing has, in the region of the gas generator, a [[the]] shape of a half shell matched to a shape of the gas generator housing, wherein the module housing substantially surrounds the gas generator, wherein the module housing includes and in that a retaining plate configured to fix ~~is provided for fixing~~ the gas generator in the module housing.
9. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 8, wherein the module housing, ~~when a cylindrical tubular gas generator is used,~~ is designed as a cylindrical half shell, for use with a cylindrical gas generator, wherein which is assigned a cylindrical half shell as the retaining plate is a cylindrical half shell.
10. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 8, wherein the retaining plate includes the beads on the interior of the module housing ~~has beads directed toward the gas generator.~~
11. (Previously Presented) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the retaining plate has at least one closure element.
12. (Currently Amended) The airbag module as claimed in claim 11, wherein the closure element is a bead ~~is provided in the retaining plate as the closure element.~~
13. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bead is conical in shape.
14. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bead is configured to seal with the opening at an outer edge of the bead.

15. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closure element is integral to module housing so that the closure element and the module housing have a one-piece construction.

16. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closure element is a separate component in relation to the module housing.

17. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the portion of the module housing configured to engage the gas generator is a projection on the interior of the module housing.

18. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 17, wherein the projection is integrally formed with the module housing.

19. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 17, wherein the projection comprises a bead on the interior of the module housing configured to engage the gas generator.

20. (New) The airbag module as claimed in claim 18, wherein the projection comprises a bead on the interior of the module housing configured to engage the gas generator.

New Claims

New claims 13-20 have been added. Claims 13-20 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over the prior art for at least the reasons discussed above and for their respective additional recitations.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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